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RE: Sites Management Activity Completed (SMAC) for Paradise Motor Inn
Bennington, Vermont (Site #92-1329)

Dear Ms. Pappas:

The Sites Management Section has reviewed two submittals by ERD Environmental: a letter dated July 9, 1997, and the site investigation report dated November 13, 1995. Based on this and previous submitted information for the site, the SMS has the following understanding of the site:

- Soil contamination was found during the in-place closure of two #2 fuel oil underground storage tanks (USTs) on November 16-23, 1992. During the closure of the USTs, about 30 cubic yards of contaminated soils were polyencapsulated onsite. The highest organic vapor meter (OVM) readings were 225 parts per million (ppm) at a depth of about 10 feet. The highest OVM reading in the upper two feet was 11 ppm.
- Three soil borings were advanced at the site on October 17, 1995. Soil borings SB-1 and SB-2 were placed in the presumed downgradient direction from the former UST area, and SB-3 was placed next to the former UST area. A soil boring was not placed within the former UST area due to the landscaping. Soil boring SB-1 and SB-3 were advanced until bedrock was reached at a depth of about 7 feet; SB-2 was advanced to a depth of 12 feet. The soil borings did not encounter groundwater. Split spoon samples from the borings were screened for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using an OVM. No VOCs were detected. The contaminated soil appears to be limited to the UST area.
- On November 20, 1995, the SMS approved spreading the stockpiled soil. In a letter from ERD Environmental dated July 9, 1997, notification was given that the soils were recently spread onsite.

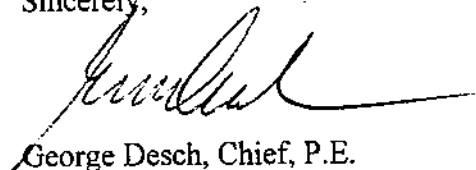
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- The potential impact of this contamination on sensitive receptors appears low. The site is served by a municipal water system. During the closure of the USTs, the basements of the site buildings immediately north and south of the UST area were screened for VOCs. No VOCs were detected in the basements.

Based on the above, the SMS believes that the residual petroleum contamination at the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and safety or environment. Therefore, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release you of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination remaining in the ground from the removed USTs. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (802) 241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief, P.E.
Sites Management Section

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